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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/302,409
Filing Date	April 30, 1999
First Named Inventor	Dennis J. O'Shaughnessy
Art Unit	1775
Examiner Name	Jennifer C. McNeil
Attorney Docket Number	1375A1/RC/RC

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____ 04/09/2004 BABRAH1 00000143 162025 09302409

b. ☒ Enclosed 02 FC:1251 110.00 DA

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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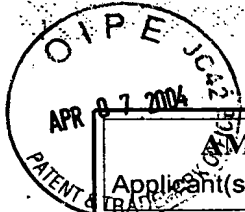
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Group Art Unit

1775**Invention: SHIPPABLE HEAT-TREATABLE SPUTTER COATED ARTICLE AND ZINC CATHODE
SPUTTERING TARGET CONTAINING LOW AMOUNTS OF TIN****TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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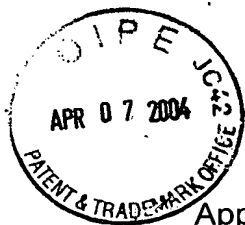
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 15, 2003, please consider the remarks and amendments herein as a submission under 37 CFR 1.114. Provided along with this submission are instructions to subtract the required fee.

There is no **Amendment to the Specification.**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There is no **Amendment to the Drawings.**

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.